



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

INFORMATION SERVICE

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

For Release SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1947.

NEW PUBLICATION TELLS STORY OF FEDERAL "DUCK STAMPS"

The story of Federal "duck stamps" and how the revenue received from their sale to sportsmen, conservationists, and philatelists is used to aid in the development of the national wildlife refuge system is told in a new publication issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service under the title of Federal Duck Stamps and Their Place in Waterfowl Conservation.

The new booklet discusses the waterfowl "depression" of the early 30's, the demand for legislation which brought the stamps into existence through the passage of the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act in 1934, the beginning of the National Waterfowl Restoration Program, the annual revenue from the stamps, and the refuge areas purchased from duck stamp funds.

In addition the publication explains how the annual design for the stamp is selected and, by special permission of the Secretary of the Treasury, contains reproductions of all the stamps issued to date in this series. The name of the artist and complete philatelic data is also supplied.

Federal Duck Stamps has been issued as No. 3 in the Service's new series of publications known as "Conservation in Action." Copies are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at 15 cents per copy. Chincoteague, a National Wildlife Refuge, and Parker River, a National Wildlife Refuge, Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in the new series can also be purchased for 15 cents a piece.

X X X